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N=Narrator

**DAZ3169 Desert passage** by P. S. Carrillo

Don Myers - N

A summer journey on a motor scooter becomes a transformative rite of passage for two teenage cousins. Ramon has lived with his cousin Miguel since the age of three. Nearly expelled from middle school with dropping grades, the cousins are in big trouble, prompting Miguel's father to teach them a lesson before they start high school. While their family goes to Santa Fe, the cousins are exiled to their grandmother's in rural northern Arizona for a month of chores. But when their grandmother is hospitalized, the cousins are on their own and opt to find their parents using an old Vespa packed with food, sleeping bags and limited money. En route they explore the Grand Canyon and red rocks of Sedona and mature from irresponsible boys into young men on their journey to manhood.

**DAZ3243 On deadly ground** [NMJDB:1] by Michael Norman

Gene Sprenkle - N

Set in the surrounding area of Kanab, a small town in southern Utah, former Denver police officer J.D. Books returns to his home town as a Bureau of Land Management Ranger and immediately gets caught up in a murder investigation. J.D. had been a homicide detective in Denver, but was forced to resign. Kanab is a community deeply divided over the politics of land management and when an environmentalist is killed, he must work to calm tensions and find the murderer. (J. D. Brooks series #1)

**DAZ3248 Arab/American: landscape, culture, and cuisine in two great deserts** by Gary Paul Nabhan

Gene Sprenkle - N

Of Lebanese descent, Nabhan uses his professional position as a Sonoran desert ecologist as the springboard from which to launch an investigation into the overlooked similarities that unite his Arab ancestors with both the native inhabitants and emigrants in his adopted homeland. From the legacy of Middle Eastern camels imported to the Southwest for use as pack animals during the American Civil War, to the circuitous lineage of culinary staples found in kitchens and restaurants of various ethnicities, the bond between Arab and American cultures encompasses geography, religion, language, and biology.

**DAZ3353 All the Wrong Moves [LMSAS:1]** by Merline Lovelace

Kathy Walser - N

Samantha, a smart-mouthed air force lieutenant, tests gadgets for the military at a Texas desert facility. On an early morning hike, Samantha finds two badly decomposed bodies, soon identified as a weapons dealer and a smuggler of illegal aliens. After an arsonist burns her test lab, Samantha ratchets up her involvement in the investigation, with handsome border patrol agent Jeff Mitchell keeping her heart racing as they search for the killer. (Samantha Spade series #1)

**DAZ3357 A Volume of friendship: the letters of Eleanor Roosevelt and Isabella Greenway** by Kristie Miller and

Robert H. McGinnis, editors

Kathy Walser and Annie McClure - N

In these letters, Eleanor Roosevelt and Isabella Greenway chronicle a fifty-year friendship dating back to their school days at the beginning of the twentieth century when both were young in New York City. They share family concerns, discuss national and world affairs, support each other in times of personal tragedy, and chart their respective political careers - Roosevelt as a social reformer and first lady and Greenway as Arizona's first congresswoman. The collected letters as a whole are an illuminating record of the social history of this period.

**DAZ3364 Selkie girl** by Laurie Brooks

Cat Hartmann - N

Orkney, Scotland. Though her webbed hands have made her an outcast, Elin Jean has always felt the pull of the sea. She has heard the stories of the selkie creatures that shed their seal skins every Midsummer's Eve to become human. When she finds such a pelt and presents it to her mother, she learns of her heritage and begins a journey to find her destiny. For grades 6-9.

**DAZ3371 The Gatekeeper** [GMKEL:3] by Michelle Gagnon

Joe McCord - N

When Madison Grant is abducted, an unthinkable terrorist plot is set in motion. The kidnapper's ransom demands aren't monetary; they come at a cost that no American can afford to pay. As Jake Riley, races to find Madison, Kelly, his fiancée, is assigned to another disturbing case: the murder and dismemberment of a senator. At first the two cases don't appear to be related. But as they navigate their way through the darkest communities of America—from skinheads to biker gangs to border militias—they discover a horrible truth. A shadowy figure who calls himself The Gatekeeper is uniting hate groups, opening the door to the worst homegrown attack in American history. (Kelly Jones series #3)

**DAZ3377 Tell me, pretty maiden** [BRMOM:7] by Rhys Bowen

Pamela McCune - N

Several cases keep Molly Murphy, Irish immigrant private investigator, busy. In December 1902, Molly and her beau, suspended New York City police captain Daniel Sullivan, stumble on a near-dead young woman in a Central Park snowdrift. Molly sets out to discover the identity of the poor traumatized creature and that of whoever cast her into the snow clad only in a white dress. Meanwhile, leading actress Blanche Lovejoy hires Molly to look into the ghostly shenanigans that threaten disaster for Blanche's soon-to-open new play. Molly also agrees to help a wealthy society matron who wishes to know if her missing Yale student nephew has vanished because of the murder he's suspected of committing.\*

(Molly Murphy Mystery #7)

**DAZ3384 Coyotes wife [TAECL:14]** by Aimee and David Thurlo

Sarah Raum - N

Navajo Police Special Investigator Ella Clah is startled when a local man stumbles into the road and dies in the New Mexico forest. She discovers that he is an employee of StarTalk, a company seeking to bring satellite phone service to the reservation. Further attacks, acts of vandalism, and even witchcraft may indicate that some are violently opposed to the new technology. (Ella Clah series #14)

**DAZ3393 Cat fear no evil [MSJOG:9]** by Shirley Rousseau Murphy

Pamela McCune - N

Azrael, the sinister black tomcat with burning yellow eyes, has returned to Molena Point, California, to embark on another crime spree with human cohorts while he attempts to find the cat portal to the Netherworld. Kate Osborne, who moved to San Francisco three years earlier to search for information about the parents she has never known, also comes back to the village, obviously troubled and arousing great interest on the part of Azrael. (Joe Grey Mystery #9)

**DAZ3395 Holly and homicide [CLDBL:6]** by Leslie Caine

Linda Munsil - N

Interior Designers Erin Gilbert and Steve Sullivan have been tasked to turn a mansion into a winter wonderland. The project seems doomed from the start, as outraged locals and argumentative owners sap the Christmas cheer. When a murder occurs, Erin must put her amateur detective skills to work to clear her name. (Domestic Bliss Mystery #6)

**DAZ3403** **Lima nights** by Marie Arana

Kim Larkin - N

Set in Lima, Peru, 1986. Carlos Bluhm, a married father of two, is enjoying an outing at a sleazy club when he meets 16-year-old Juana Maria Fernandez, a dancer working two jobs and living in the slums. Maria is the polar opposite of Carlos's Germanic wife, Sophie, and he is immediately captivated by her. After Carlos takes Maria away for an illicit vacation, Sophie discovers her husband's affair and moves her sons, her mother-in-law and all of the house's possessions while Bluhm is on vacation with his mistress. The second half of the book flashes forward 20 years, revealing Carlos and Maria uneasily living together and beginning to drift apart. Trying to preserve the lifestyle she's come to depend upon, Maria makes desperate attempts to keep Carlos under her spell.

**DAZ3436** **The death of Desert Belle** [DPMAP:3] by Phil Dunlap

Gene Sprenkle - N

A loud explosion rattles the town of Desert Belle, Arizona, and the outlaws within the local jail are assumed dead. U.S. Marshal Piedmont Kelly comes to investigate and is soon dodging bullets. Meanwhile, two teenagers flee the site of a gunfight only to walk into more trouble. (Marshal Piedmont Kelly series #3)

**DAZ3437** **A dead man in Tangier** [PMSEY:4] by Michael Pearce

Gary Weberg - N

Why is Seymour of Scotland Yard summoned to North Africa? Isn't the death of a Frenchman there a matter for the local police? But in the run-up to the First World War, everything is connected, and a single murder in politically fraught Morocco could destabilize Europe. (Seymour series #4)

**DAZ3443 Hoboes: blindstiffs, fruit tramps, and the harvesting of the West** by Mark Wyman

Rene Rinaldi - N

Historian describes how migratory workers, both hoboes and immigrants, helped to shape the American West. While larger farms desperately needed the seasonal assistance of men, women, and even children, workers often faced prejudice, low wages, and poor living conditions.

**DAZ3492 Montana Red [CRBII:1]** by Ralph Cotton

Kent Monken - N

Arizona ranger Sam Burrack searches the badlands for the vicious outlaw Montana Red Hollis. Red has set his sights on a beautiful fifteen-year-old girl, and the last people remaining in the terrorized town attempt to protect her. Some violence. (Big Iron series #1)

**DAZ3501 Court – Martial of Apache Kid: the renegade of renegades** by Clare V. McKanna, Jr.

Ty Hofflander - N

A legal history of Apache Kid, a Native American army scout who was charged with desertion and mutiny after leaving his post to avenge his grandfather's murder. The author argues that conflicts between military, civil, and tribal law drove Kid to escape and become a renegade.

**DAZ3502 A dead man in Trieste [PMSEY:1]** by Michael Pearce

Joe Giumette - N

In Trieste, in 1906, a British consul named Lomax vanishes, spurring an investigation destined to expose an identity-falsification scandal and risk fueling nationalistic hatreds. Sandor Seymour, reared by immigrant parents in London's working-class East End and now a multilingual officer with Special Branch, is dispatched to Trieste at the request of the British Foreign Office. Seymour's task is to determine whether eccentric Lomax left his post voluntarily, or was removed violently. (Seymour series #1)

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